## Pasco Landfill Outreach Results April 13, 2013

Interviews were conducted on Saturday, April 13, 2013. Interviewers included: Barbara Smith (IWAG); Greg Bohn (bilingual English/Spanish), Beth Mort, and Carol Bergin (Ecology) and Sylvia Garza (bilingual English/Spanish) working for Ecology. Beth Mort participated as part of a mentoring experience.

Carol Bergin provided a briefing at 9:00 a.m. in the parking lot of the Ellen Ochoa Middle School. The team then went to the Tierra Vida Collegium and met with Leanne Smith and 6 residents of that development. Some of these residents are part of the homeowner's association. The meeting at Tierra Vida was from 9:30-11:30. Carol then met briefly with the developer.

The team broke for lunch and returned to conduct door-to-door interviews at the homes near the Ellen Ochoa Middle School. Barbara Smith and Sylvia Garza worked one section and Greg Bohn, Carol Bergin and Beth Mort worked another section. The teams switched in the late afternoon to Barbara Smith and Greg Bohn; Carol Bergin, Sylvia Garza and Beth Mort.

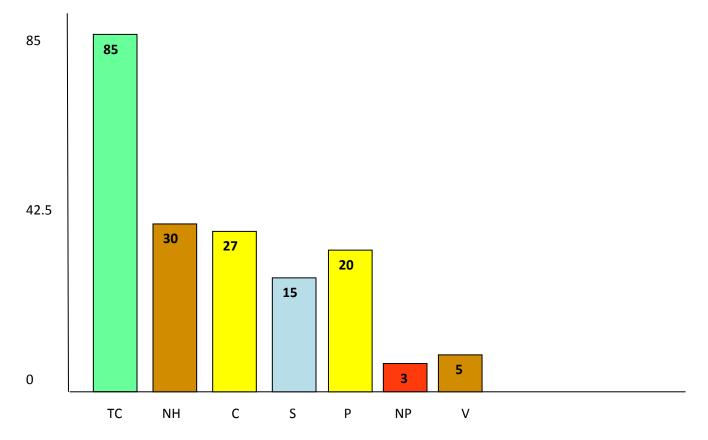
The outreach results are details in the graph on page 2. The following information is in addition to the graph.

30 English/Spanish fliers were given to the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center. They posted fliers on bulletin boards and said they would make the rest available to patrons.

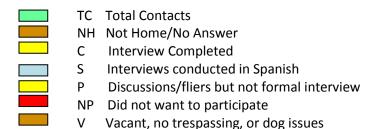
30 English/Spanish fliers were given to a Pastor from Riverview Baptist Church in West Pasco. He stopped us, asked what we were doing, and volunteered to distribute these to his congregation.

90 Spanish fliers were given to Ramon Mota-Loza. He represents Sea Mar Community Health Centers and La Posada Farm Worker Housing.

1 English/Spanish flier was given to Mr. Valadez at the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber is willing to provide the information to interested businesses.



Based on actual numbers not percentages.



## **Interview Themes:**

- 1. Almost everyone interviewed was unaware of the Groundwater Protection Area and plume. People at Tierra Vida were upset that this wasn't disclosed to them prior to purchasing their homes. The developer indicated this was not disclosed to him during the purchasing or permitting process for the development.
- 2. Almost everyone interviewed knew nothing about the cleanup at the Pasco Landfill Site.
- 3. Nearly one half of those interviewed wanted more information about potential health issues or had health-related concerns. A few individuals said there are bad smells coming from the landfill in the summer. Some indicated their tap water smells and tastes bad at times. Some concerns were raised about the safety of irrigation water and whether regular testing is being done.
- 4. Almost everyone interviewed knows that their drinking water comes from the City of Pasco.
- 5. The majority of people would attend a public meeting.
- 6. People want more information and appreciated the door-to-door effort.